

Reports on Special Meetings held Sep. and Nov. 1972

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The Sept. issue of "High Q" announced that we would have a visit from Mr Noel Eaton VE3CJ, our representative on the ARRL Board of Directors. Arrangements for this meeting were ably taken care of by our Vice-Pres. Jim Wheeler - VE3EEG and took place at Lakehead University.

There was a good turn out of 18 or more members and guests. The principal subject discussed dealt with the changes being made in the various amateur bands and how they would affect operations by Canadians. At the time of this meeting the new proposals by the F.C.C. had only just been made public and Noel was able to give us the information at first hand. However since that time the new allocations have appeared in print in various publications. For this reason a repetition is unnecessary here. These changes, which came into effect Nov. 22 will be found in the November issue of QST Pages 78 to 81.

Coffee and sandwiches were served and the meeting came to a close at 10.45 pm.

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Members were also notified in "High Q" that a "High Frequency Communications Seminar" was to be held at the Lakehead University by the Department of Communications, Ottawa. Club members were invited to attend. The Seminar occupied two full days, Sept. 26 and 27. Five hours each day.

This very interesting and informative seminar was attended by local communication engineers, university professors, D.O.C. technicians etc. It covered a very wide field from the behaviour of the ionosphere, the effects of the solar cycle, wave propagation, the design of communication circuits, the prediction of wave paths etc. etc. Lectures were given by Mr Ducharme and Mrs Campbell of the Communication Research Centre Ottawa who did a very excellent job. Although both had spent the greater part of two days in lectures they very kindly consented to speak to a gathering of members of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club on Wednesday evening Sept. 27. Those members who took advantage of this opportunity found their time well spent. It is not often that we have the good fortune to hear speakers on this important

phase of our hobby. I am sure that the efforts of Mr. Ducharme and Mrs. Campbell were highly appreciated by the members of the Club who attended.

Also a vote of thanks to our Vice President, Jim Wheeler - VE3EEG who was responsible for arranging this special meeting

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